



The Liturgist (Christine Kerr) reads this sentence

Listen to me you that pursue righteousness: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and the quarry from which you were dug. *Isaiah 51.1 (adapted)*

Open our lips, O Lord;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

God is my salvation *read by the Liturgist*

- 1 Behold God is ' my sal'vation:
I will trust and ' will not ' be a'fraid,
- 2 for the Lord God is my ' strength · and my ' song:
and has be'come ' my sal'vation.
- 3 With joy you will draw water from the ' wells · of sal'vation:
and in that day ' all of ' you will ' say,
- 4 'Give thanks and call upon the ' name · of the ' Lord:
make known among the nations what the Lord has done,
proclaim that the ' name · of the ' Lord is · ex'alted.
- 5 'Sing praises for the Lord has ' triumphed ' gloriously:
let this be ' known in ' all the ' earth.

6 'Shout and sing for joy you ' people · of ' God:
for great in your ' midst ' is the ' Holy One.' *Isaiah 12:2-6*

**Glory to God, Source of Creation, Living Word and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, Amen.**

Dean Ian says:

E te whānau a te Karaiti,
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.
Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

The Liturgist says

Hear these words of scripture.

Love one another, for love is of God,
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

The Liturgist then says

In silence let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of grace,
we confess that we have sinned,
in what we have thought, and said, and done.
Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Absolution is declared by Dean, saying

God forgives our sins.

May we each know that God pardons us and sets us free. **Amen.**

PSALM: 138

Refrain (said by the congregation each time):

You have exalted your name and your word above all things.

1 I will give thanks to you O Lord with ' all my ' heart:
before the gods ' I will ' sing your ' praises.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple,
and give thanks because of your love and ' faithfulness:
for you have exalted your name and your ' word above ' all things.

3 On the day that I ' called, you ' answered me:
and ' put new ' strength with'in me.

4 All the kings of the earth shall ' praise you · O ' Lord:
when they ' hear the ' words · of your ' mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ' ways · of the ' Lord:
that the ' glory · of the ' Lord is ' great.

6 For though Lord you are high, yet you ' care · for the ' lowly:
as for the proud, you ' humble · them ' from a'far.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble you ' keep me ' safe:
you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage,
and ' your right ' hand will ' save me.

8 You will fulfil your purpose for me,
your love O Lord is ' ever'lasting:
do not leave un'finished · the ' work · of your ' hands.

You have exalted your name and your word above all things.

THE READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 51: 1-6 (Philip Pridmore)

My salvation shall be forever

Silence for reflection

The reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD (Said by the Liturgist)

1 The steadfast love of the Lord ' never ' ceases:
God's mercies ' never ' come · to an ' end;

2 They are new ' every ' morning:
your ' faithfulness · O ' Lord is ' great.

3 You are ' all · that I ' have:
and ' therefore ' I will ' wait for you.

4 You O Lord are good to ' those who ' wait for you:
to ' all ' those who ' seek you.

5† It is good to ' wait in ' patience:
for the sal'vation ' of the ' Lord.

Lamentations 3:22-26

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, Amen.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING (Philip Pridmore)

Matthew 16: 13-20 Who do you say that I am?

Silence for reflection

The reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

YOU ARE WORTHY (*said by all*)

1 **You are worthy, our ' Lord and ' God:**

to receive ' glory · and ' honour · and ' power,

2 **for you have cre'ated ' all things:**

and by your will they were cre'ated · and ' have their ' being.

3 **You are worthy O Christ, for ' you were ' slain:**

and by your blood have ' ransomed ' us for ' God,

4 **ransomed us from every tribe and ' people · and ' nation:**

and made us a royal ' house of ' priests · to our ' God.

5† **To the One who is seated on the throne and ' to the ' Lamb:**

be blessing and honour, glory and might,

for ever and ' ever. ' Amen. *based on Revelation 4:11;5:9,10,13*

REFLECTION: Dean Ian Render

Thanksgivings and Intercessions follow here: Christine Scott, concluding with...

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: *(Led by the liturgist, said by all)*

Living God,
**You accept our stumbling faith,
our misplaced answers,
our false horizons,
and through them build a way of peace:
empower us
to bind the wounds of the world
and loose the debts of oppression
that all may confess the grace
that is your work alone;
through Jesus Christ, anointed for the world. Amen.**

THE MORNING COLLECT: *(The Liturgist)*

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GRACE:

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, o Īhu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu,
āke ake ake. Āmine.**

*(The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. Amen.)*

The congregation is commissioned with these words:

**Haere i runga i te rangimārie i runga i te aroha me te ngākau
hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.**

(Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.)

Āmine. Ka haere mātou i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti.

(Amen. We go in the name of Christ.)

Please note: We have suspended services in the Cathedral for a second Sunday and the Dean and Wardens will make any future decisions based on forthcoming COVID-19 public announcements. We believe our first responsibility is to the health and safety of parishioners and all using the Cathedral buildings. During the original outbreak we decided not to hold services at Level 2 (along with the other Inner City churches).

Cathedral Updates:

✠ **Security**– If you are working in the Cathedral building on your own, please park in the carpark by the main doors. The large carpark in Cathedral Lane is leased from Monday to Saturday, so parking is **only** available on **Sundays**. A reminder that the Cathedral carpark is only available for Cathedral business.

✠ **Signing in**– As a requirement of the Diocese, a sign in/out form is located on the table in the fountain entrance. For health and safety, all people in the building (including key holders) outside of service times are required to please sign in and out. If you are entering the building during office hours, please check in at the office on arrival.

✝ **Public Forum on Cannabis Referendum** will be held on Sunday 30 August, at the EIT, Lecture Theatre 1 from 2.00pm-4.00pm. The Forum's speakers will come from a range of relevant sectors. The aim of the forum is to help people become better informed, not to tell them which box to tick. (ph): 027 338 3591 (Ruth)

✝ **EJP:** Jenny Baker advises: The EJP Meet The Candidates meeting scheduled for this Sunday August 23, 2-4pm at St Paul's has needed to be postponed to Sunday September 27 2-4pm.

Although social distancing could probably have been managed at Level 2 and numbers restricted, the change of the election date has also meant that the government requires MPs to now be in Wellington next weekend.

At this stage the Cannabis Referendum Forum on August 30 will go ahead with careful social distancing.

✝ Are you curious about **Godspace and Godly Play**? Please let Janine know so that you can attend an **introductory workshop**. This will help build understanding within our church community so that we can more fully honour children's spirituality and support us and our Families. From this, you may want to become actively involved, but please know that expressing interest and attending the workshop does not come with any expectation of an ongoing commitment. You can talk with Janine after the service, sign up on the clipboard, email melvillejmn@gmail.com or phone 021 136 3464 or 836 5305.

Thanks from Dean Ian: Philip and I travelled to Wellington for a scan which proceeded as planned on Thursday morning, and results from that should be available when I meet the Consultant this coming week. I have a pre-operative appointment the previous day to prepare for surgery on 4 September, with a recovery period of about three weeks subsequently. Sincere thanks for your concern and prayers, and also to all those taking an extra share of responsibility in the meantime.

AN UPDATE ABOUT NEXT SUNDAYS SERVICES WILL BE EMAILED OUT DURING NEXT WEEK, ONCE WE HAVE INFORMATION & GUIDANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DIOCESE.